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REMARKS

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Claims 1, 3, 13, 16-17, and 20-21 are amended herein. Claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 16 and 20 are objected to. Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites said spacer comprising a single-piece elastic member.

The Examiner relies upon the mounting ring 10 and the O-ring 12 of Huffman as corresponding to the claimed elastic member. However, these are two separate pieces, not a single piece, as claimed. Huffman, FIG.1.

Huffman is disadvantageous as compared to the invention of claim 1. Huffman is complex, requiring a screwing operation for assembly. Specifically, the mounting ring 10 and the O-ring 12 must be screwed by machine screws 8, 8'. Huffman, col. 3, ln. 15-26.

Furthermore, Huffman is expensive because this reference requires the spacer to be manufactured from a material which is resistant to heat caused by soldering an electronic component onto the printed wiring board. This is because the spacer therein cannot be separated in advance of the soldering due to the above-mentioned screw assembly.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.